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TELEPHONE CONNECTION IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether neither microwave stations have been set up nor cable connections are being done in a large part of the Orissa to cater to the public demand of telephone connections in the State;

(b) if so, whether despite of a large number of telephone consumers in waiting list for years not a single telephone exchanges or satellite stations are set up for years causing serious discontentment amongst the telephone consumers in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to open new exchanges in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): To cater to the public demand for telephone connections in the state of Orissa, the telecom facilities have been expanded in a big way during the last three years. The details of the same and the status as on 31.03.2002 are given in the Annexure.

(c) BSNL has also introduced Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) service during the year 2001-2002 and the same is planned to be expanded in a big way during the current year. Introduction of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service has also been planned during this year which is likely to cover all the district head quarters of Orissa. In addition New Exchanges are also planned to be opened to clear the waiting list.

ANNEXURE

TELECOM FACILITIES EXPANDED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND THE STATUS AS ON 31.03.2002

Year	DELs (Wired Lines)	DELs (WLL) (Route Km.)	Switching Capacity (Wired Lines)	Switching Capacity (WLL)	New Exchange (OFC)	(Route Km.)	Microwave Fibre	Optical Cable
1999-00	89036	0	133240	0	56	907	3028	
2000-01	103107	0	131950	0	131	317		1517
2001-02	114810	12210	140843	48000	74	140		1921
Total during last 3 years	306953	12210	406033	48000	261	1364		6466
Status as on 31.3.2002	641226	12210	798854	48000	1063	4248		11682

Note: There are 15 Satellite stations working in the state as on 31.03.2002 out of which one 2 Mb Intermediate Data Range (IDR) link is working between Bhubaneshwar to New Delhi.